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MINUTES
Regional Planning Commission (RPC)
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, February 8, 2007, 6:30 p.m.

The Regional Planning Commission met in special session in the Reno-Sparks Convention Center, Room A19-A20, 4590 S. Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada and conducted the following business:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Newberg at 6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners were present: Jim Newberg; Marge Frandsen, Scott Barnes, Todd Brabbin, Tom Lean, Christy Magers, Kendall Mattina, Dennis Romeo, and William Weber.

Also present: Rosanna Coombes, TMRPA Interim Director; Norman Azevedo, Legal Counsel; Phil Caterino, TMRPA; Lora Richards, TMRPA; Connie Anderson, TMRPA; Patricia Rogers, TMRPA; and Paige Menicucci, TMRPA.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

COMMISSIONER MATTINA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 8, 2007, RPC AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROMEO. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. BUSINESS OF THE DAY

- A. PUBLIC HEARING - To receive testimony concerning recommendation of final approval of the Draft Comprehensive 2007 Truckee Meadows Regional Plan to the Regional Planning Governing Board.

[The public hearing was opened.]

Chair Newberg read written comments from Mary Fulkerson and James Metzker in favor of infill development and opposed to Winnemucca Ranch.

Bob Fulkerson expressed concern regarding sprawl, the new policies, drought, and water rates.

Stephen Alastuey urged the RPC to oppose changes to the NRS that allow cities statewide to annex noncontiguous lands. Mr. Alastuey expressed concern regarding recent regional planning trends that will significantly over extend natural resources, radically change the character of outlying communities, and pull infrastructure funding away from the downtown renovation effort.

Tina Nappe expressed concern regarding the proposed annexation of federal lands and the lack of wildlife interest, urban interface, and emphasis on clean energy and energy savings in the plan.

William Puchert stated that the proposed sales tax should be imposed on developers as an impact fee and not on regular citizenS.

Erik Holland expressed concern regarding a proposed tax to bring water to the area for more growth.

Cathy Brandhorst expressed concern regarding homeless people living by the river.

Charles Fulkerson stated that the proposed noncontiguous annexation is unsound for reasons stated in State Law.

Robbin Palmer thanked the RPC for their hard work and stated that she agreed with other comments made tonight.

Amy Louise Maza stated that the TMRPA should have more workshops with the public and facilitators.

[The public hearing was closed.]

5. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Rosanna Coombes, Interim Director of Regional Planning, stated that there is an email from Stephen Alastuey included in the meeting packet.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Newberg adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Reviewed by:

Approved by:

Rosanna Coombes, Interim Director
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency

William Weber, Chair
Regional Planning Commission

APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION IN SESSION ON _____, 2007.